

are with us, or for their blessing if this day finds them smiling down from heaven's bright corridors. Truly, for the labor and legacy of our families and our freedoms, we cannot thank them enough.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, in accordance with a joint resolution of the Congress approved December 28, 1970 (36 U.S.C. 142a), do hereby proclaim Sunday, June 15, 1986, as Father's Day. I invite the States and communities and the people of the United States to observe that day with appropriate ceremonies as a mark of appreciation and abiding affection for their fathers. I direct government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Federal government buildings, and I urge all Americans to display the flag at their homes and other suitable places on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-second day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5468 of April 23, 1986

Older Americans Month, 1986

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Have your health and have everything. That saying has special meaning for the elderly. Good health and fitness allow all of us, no matter what our age, the freedom and independence to choose how and where we live and to stay involved with our families and friends. Health and fitness enable us to take an active part in community life and to pursue our goals, whether they involve a career, hobbies, volunteer activities, travel, creative pursuits, or home life.

Good health is good common sense, but it is not enough to know this, we have to act accordingly. How we live can make all the difference. Proper diet, regular exercise, moderation in drinking, and avoidance of drugs and tobacco become even more important as we grow older. And life spans can be made longer and more pleasant by regular medical check-ups, sufficient rest, and continuing involvement in satisfying personal relationships and wholesome pursuits that keep the mind active.

Besides what the individual can do for himself, some older Americans still need the help of others to remain independent and in their own homes. Some need assistance with personal and housekeeping activities; others need attention, love, and encouragement. Families, friends, community groups, and the whole range of private and government providers of special services can do so much to help those older people who truly need assistance.

When we adopt good health habits ourselves, encourage others to do the same, and dedicate ourselves to helping those in need, we are truly fulfilling the tradition of good neighborliness.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 315, has expressed its appreciation and respect for the achievements of older Americans and its desire that these Americans continue to play an active role in the life of the

Nation and has requested the President to issue a proclamation designating May 1986 as "Older Americans Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of May 1986 as Older Americans Month. I ask public officials at all levels, community agencies, educators, the communications media, and the American people to take this opportunity to honor older Americans and to encourage them to do everything they can to make health and fitness an integral part of their lives, so that they can truly enjoy the golden warmth of their sunset years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-third day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and tenth.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5469 of April 24, 1986

National Reading Is Fun Week, 1986

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

The pleasure that comes from reading is usually the magnet that draws people to practice and improve their reading skills. And the wide distribution of these skills not only enriches those who possess them but is a pillar of strength for a self-governing Nation. Yet many of America's 66 million people under the age of 18 need encouragement and direction to improve their reading skills to the point where they can become functionally literate and properly informed adults. Illiteracy and limited literacy cause much pain, frustration, and humiliation. And because their victims cannot reach their full productive potential, the economy is billions of dollars the poorer.

Traditionally, Americans have recognized problems in society and worked at applying practical solutions. Over the past two decades, dedicated volunteer efforts have enabled millions of children to discover the joy of reading. Through a variety of imaginative programs, thousands of children have been given the motivation and the practical help they need to unlock the treasure house of the printed page. Doors have been opened to richer lives. Currently, more than 100,000 volunteers are giving of their time and talents to open these doors of opportunity to young people who long to experience the joy of reading. But there is a need for still more volunteers who wish to help others and experience the deep satisfaction of knowing they have transformed the lives of others and set them on the path to discovery, understanding, and delight. Yes, for those who can read, reading is fun.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 286, has designated April 20 through April 26, 1986, as "National Reading is Fun Week" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation in observance of this week.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim April 20 through April 26, 1986, as National Reading is Fun Week. I invite the Governors of every State, local officials, and all Americans to observe this week by supporting programs that help young people to acquire the skill of reading that leads to the joy of reading.